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VOCABULARY

- 1. Glacial:** Extremely slow; like a glacier, moving at a slow pace.
 - Synonyms: Slow, sluggish, gradual
 - Antonyms: Fast, rapid, swift
 - Sentence: Progress in gender equality has been glacial, with changes barely perceptible over the years.

- 2. Abrogation:** The repeal or abolition of a law, treaty, custom, etc.
 - Synonyms: Repeal, annulment, cancellation
 - Antonyms: Establishment, enactment, implementation
 - Sentence: The abrogation of the old policy led to protests among the affected groups.

- 3. Prosecution:** The institution and conducting of legal proceedings against someone.
 - Synonyms: Legal action, indictment, litigation
 - Antonyms: Defense, acquittal, exoneration
 - Sentence: The prosecution presented strong evidence against the accused.

- 4. Imputations:** Accusations or charges made against someone, typically without proof.
 - Synonyms: Allegation, accusation, charge
 - Antonyms: Acquittal, exoneration, vindication
 - Sentence: The article contained several false imputations against the politician.

5. Expedient: Convenient and practical, although possibly improper or immoral.

- Synonyms: Advantageous, beneficial, opportune
- Antonyms: Inconvenient, disadvantageous, impractical
- Sentence: The decision to delay the report was politically expedient but morally questionable.

6. Dissenters: People who oppose official policies, especially that of an authoritarian state.

- Synonyms: Opponent, protester, dissident
- Antonyms: Supporter, conformist, loyalist
- Sentence: The dissenters gathered in protest against the new censorship laws.

7. Jeopardise: Put someone or something into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.

- Synonyms: Endanger, risk, threaten
- Antonyms: Protect, safeguard, ensure
- Sentence: His reckless behavior could jeopardize the entire project.

8. Interlocutors: People who take part in a dialogue or conversation.

- Synonyms: Conversationalist, communicator, negotiator
- Antonyms: Silent, non-communicative, introverted
- Sentence: The interlocutors engaged in a constructive discussion on the issue.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

9. Snug as a bug in a rug: in an extremely comfortable position or situation.

10. Step up your game: to enhance performance, quality, skills, or talents.

11. Lose your marbles: to become insane

12. On this ice: to be doing something that is dangerous or involves risks.

13. The whole nine yards: the full extent of something.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

17th June, 2024

- 1.** The Hemis Festival or Hemis Tsechu, celebrated annually at the Hemis Monastery in Ladakh, is an extraordinary experience worth travelling for. The Hemis Festival celebrates the birth of Guru Padmasambhava, the founder of Tibetan Buddhism. With its mix of traditional music, dance, and the rich cultural heritage of Ladakh, Hemis Festival is, without a doubt, one of the most vibrant cultural festivals in India.

 - This year, the Hemis Tsechu will be celebrated on June 16-17.
- 2.** Egypt and Bahrain have joined China as international partners to develop and deliver scientific instruments for the Chang'e-7 mission.

 - The Egyptian Space Agency (EgSA), Bahrain's National Space Science Agency, and the Changchun Institute of Optics, Fine Mechanics, and Physics signed a cooperation agreement to jointly develop a hyperspectral camera as part of the goal of developing and delivering scientific instruments for the Chang'e-7 mission.
- 3.** Cyril Ramaphosa has been re-elected as South Africa's President with 283 votes, defeating Julius Malema who received 44 votes.

- The African National Congress formed a coalition government after losing majority, marking a significant shift in South African politics.
 - Ramaphosa's election was announced during the first sitting of the 7th Parliament's National Assembly.
- 4.** The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) announced the appointment of Jyoti Vijas its director general.
- Jyoti Vij is currently the additional director general at FICCI
 - She graduated from Shri Ram College of Commerce in 1988 and later received her master's in business economics from the University of Delhi in 1990.
 - FICCI President: Anish Shah
 - Headquarters: New Delhi
- 5.** The most awaited 18th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival – MIFF 2024 is all set to begin at the Films Division premises on Peddar Road in Mumbai. Interestingly, parallel screenings will also be held in Delhi, Kolkata, Pune and Chennai, broadening the festival's reach to audiences across the country.
- 6.** The two day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference concluded in New Delhi on June 14. Officials and experts from the Indian Ocean Rim Association, IORA Member States including Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagas.

- 7.** The Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum in Bhuj, Gujarat, has been shortlisted for UNESCO's prestigious Prix Versailles Award, recognizing it as one of the seven most beautiful museums globally.

 - This marks the first time an Indian museum has received such global recognition for its architectural and design excellence.

- 8.** Four Uttarakhand forest department staffers died and four others were injured when the team was caught up in a raging forest fire in Almora district's Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary.

 - Conservator of Forests (North Kumaon Circle) Koko Rose said the four people died when they were trying to douse the fire. Four others who received burn injuries were initially shifted to a nearby hospital.

- 9.** Nihal Sarin won the Romanian Grand Prix 2024 beating Imre Balogof Hungary in the tie-breaker on Friday night in Cluj, Romania. The Grand Prix chess event comprised two classical and three rapid events. The total prize fund of the circuit was 175,000 euros.

 - Nihal clinched the title maintaining a clean sheet. He went undefeated in the ten rounds plus the tie-breakers scoring 9.5/11, registering eight wins and three draws.

- 10.** The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named Gudakesh Motie of the West Indies as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2024.
- Chamari Athapaththu of Sri Lanka has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2024.
- 11.** To ease congestion police reintroduces "One Minute Traffic Plan" in simla city.

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